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Foreword

The *ASEAN Conference on Environment-Behaviour Studies* (AcE-Bs) 2011, with the “*Communities – Policies, Culture & Behaviour*” theme, managed to attract almost 90 full papers from an overall total of 160 numbers of approved abstracts from 13 countries worldwide, namely, Algeria, Australia, Brazil, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Malaysia, North Cyprus / Turkey, Qatar, Taiwan, Thailand, United Kingdom and the United States of America.

Surely such tremendous response signals the justification and timeliness in organizing the second annual serial conference since its maiden in 2010, with the objective of publicising more behavioural studies involving ASEAN communities living in both ASEAN and non-ASEAN countries. The top three countries which contributed the most number of abstracts were Malaysia (55%), followed by Indonesia (26%) and Thailand (9%).

It has been anticipated that due to financial constraints from those afar, the locals of the venue of the conference shall be amongst the major contributors. Hence, the justification that AcE-Bs be held ‘offshore’ from Malaysian soil, its birthplace. While the major contributions from Malaysia have been consistent, the sudden surge of contributors from Indonesia for AcE-Bs 2011 was thus actually expected.

The full papers received were simply grouped generally under 29 categories, although quite a number could have been easily placed under more than one category. The top three categories of equal popularity involved the *Health Environment, Retail & Services Environment*, and *Way of Life*. This was followed by *Innovative Planning*, and then *Learning Environment* and *Open Space*. On a final note, the Centre for Environment-Behaviour Studies (cE-Bs), FAPS, UiTM, Malaysia, the main organizer of the conference together with the School of Architecture, Planning and Policy Development, ITB, Indonesia the co-host, congratulate all contributors on making AcE-Bs 2011 a tremendous success! Hopefully the conference will inspire and encourage more researchers to participate in our forthcoming conferences to be held annually.

Thanks and hope for an enlightening conference!

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